

## House Resolution 567

By: Representatives Scott of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Williams of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Forster of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Shaw Industries and other private businesses which have  
2 made their premises smoke-free as outstanding examples of wise choices by free and private  
3 enterprise without government intervention or coercion; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, cigarette smoke can be a major contributor to indoor air pollution and numerous  
5 studies have concluded that breathing excessive secondhand smoke could be a cause of  
6 disease in healthy nonsmokers; and

7 WHEREAS, cigarette smoking can be particularly detrimental to otherwise hardworking  
8 individuals and can lead to loss of individual and overall productivity, loss of efficiency, and  
9 the inevitable loss of profits for owners and stakeholders; and

10 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries of Dalton, Georgia, the nation's leading textile manufacturer  
11 and the world's largest producer of carpets, has determined to make all of the company's  
12 premises smoke-free; and

13 WHEREAS, numerous other private businesses have also adopted similar policies,  
14 illustrating the ability of the free enterprise system to make wise choices without government  
15 intervention or coercion.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 this body hereby recognizes and commends Shaw Industries and other private businesses  
18 which have made their premises smoke-free and endorses the free enterprise system as the  
19 best means of promoting the well-being of all Georgians.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to  
21 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the appropriate officers of Shaw Industries  
22 and to make copies widely available to other private businesses which have elected to adopt  
23 smoke-free policies.